



FESTIVAL OF THE TRAIL: Save the date for this year's Festival of Trail **OCTOBER 14** featuring music at the murals, artist and vendor booths and so much more. Artist and vendor applications are available by emailing lryskamp@highland.in.gov. **INFO:** Please call (219) 972-7598.

GAZEBO EXPRESS

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENT SOURCE FOR THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND • SEPTEMBER 2017

NEW REDEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AT THE HELM

The town cast a wide net when they went looking for a new Redevelopment Director.

As it turns out, they found the perfect candidate in their own backyard.

Longtime resident Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, who worked in economic development for more than 20 years – first as executive director at Partners in Contracting and later as the head of the Purdue Technology Center – was unanimously selected to lead redevelopment.

"Kathy is a fantastic choice," Redevelopment Commission President Bernie Zemen said. "After conducting a national search, it was great to see that one of our own was the very best candidate for the job."

For DeGuilio-Fox, the position is a perfect fit, capitalizing on her strengths and experience for the betterment of the town.

"I'm passionate about Redevelopment. I love the work and watching businesses grow," DeGuilio-Fox said. "Highland is my home and I want to do all I can to see it prosper."

"Redevelopment is like a challenging jigsaw puzzle," she said. "When it all comes together just right, it paints a beautiful picture." 🐦

INFO: Email Redevelopment Director Kathy DeGuilio-Fox at kfox@highland.in.gov or call the redevelopment office at (219) 972-7598.



90-DAY PLAN

Kathy DeGuilio-Fox has a 90-day plan for economic development, redevelopment and community enhancement.

"I want to learn the status of projects in-progress as well as other activities that fall under the Redevelopment umbrella as soon as I begin."

DeGuilio-Fox will meet with the commissioners, business owners, chamber representatives, Highland Main Street and many others as soon as conversations can be scheduled.

"I want to hear their thoughts, ideas and hopes for our town's future so together we can determine a path forward."



RIDE THE NIGHT EVENT

Grab the family and your wheels and head to Wicker Memorial Park for the first ever Ride the Night event. Prize awarded for the best decorated bicycle at this family-friendly event.

WHEN: 8 to 10 p.m. **SEPTEMBER 22**

WHERE: Wicker Memorial Park

FE: \$7 per person includes glow sticks and bike reflector

REGISTER: signmeup.com/121663, highlandgriffithchamber.com or at the chamber office, 8536 Kennedy.

INFO: (219) 923-3666



TREE INVENTORY REPORT

Residents are encouraged to provide feedback on the town's Urban Forest Management Plan, which will be presented at two upcoming meetings.

WHEN: 7 p.m. **SEPTEMBER 21** at the Highland Parks and Recreation board meeting and at 7 p.m. **SEPTEMBER 25** at the Highland Town Council meeting, both at Town Hall, 3333 Ridge Road.

INFO: If unable to attend, provide input at HighlandTrees@comcast.net.

CALLING ALL MURALISTS!

Highland is looking for local artists interested in creating a third outdoor mural on Jewett. The selected artist will receive a \$500 stipend and will be reimbursed up to \$700 for supplies. Visit highland.in.gov to review the entire Public Mural Call for Art prior to submitting a proposal.

SUBMISSIONS: Interested artists are invited to submit a sketch of their proposed mural design along with a bio to Lance Ryskamp at lryskamp@highland.in.gov by **SEPTEMBER 11**.

NO BURNING LEAVES

Open burning of leaves, twigs or other yard waste is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Town of Highland.

According to Title 12.15.050 of the Highland Municipal Code, "No person shall openly burn or ignite refuse, garbage or rubbish."

Building Commissioner Ken Mika, who also oversees code enforcement, said a number of residents have been cited.

"It's a safety and environmental hazard," Mika said. "It doesn't take much for leaf and twig fires to get out of hand. The law was created in 2000 to keep residents and structures safe."

INFO: Visit highland.in.gov/MunicipalCode to learn more.



WARD 1

BERNIE ZEMEN
bzemen@comcast.net
(219) 781-1056



WARD 2

MARK HERAK
mherak@highland.in.gov
(219) 838-0126



WARD 3

DAN VASSAR - president
dvassar@highland.in.gov
(219) 924-1945



WARD 4

STEVEN WAGNER - v. president
swagner@highland.in.gov
(219) 718-3199



WARD 5

KONNIE KUIPER
kkuiper@highland.in.gov
(219) 924-7820

NEWS TIP? STORY IDEA?

Send your suggestions to:
gazeboexpress@theideafactory.us.com

The Gazebo Express is produced by:
The Idea Factory • (219) 779-9041
www.theideafactory.us.com

Printed by Lithographic Communications
9701 Indiana Parkway, Munster, IN 46321

BACK-TO-BACK POETRY EVENTS CELEBRATE WRITTEN, SPOKEN WORD

*If rhyming in verse
warms your poet-loving heart,*

*A sojourn to Jewett's edge
can give it a start ...*

The first official event of Highland's 2017 Poet Laureate is on the horizon.

Poet Laureate Janine Harrison said she opted for a Ride & Read event to engage residents by taking poetry-inspired activities to Highland's pedestrian super highway – aka the Erie Lackawanna bike trail.

"The bike trail is so well-traveled, we wanted to make it easy for folks to stop for a few minutes – or longer – to enjoy the scenery and the beauty of poetry," Harrison said. "The kick-off the night before at One Best Life at Tinker's Attic will feature poetry readings."

For Harrison, being the town's poet laureate is the realization of a dream that began while the mother and college professor was a middle schooler in Illinois.

"My poetry had been recognized by my teacher, who sent me and a classmate to other classes to read our poems," she said.

"When I heard about Gwendolyn Brooks being named Poet Laureate in Illinois, I knew I wanted to be just like her." 🌸

RHYMING COUPLET WEEKEND

>> FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Join six poets - William Allegrezza, Bethany Lee-Bayer, Carol Estes, Miranda Morley, Lily Rex and Kirk Robinson - for performances from slam to experimental!

WHEN: 8 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15

WHERE: NWI Poets at One Best Life at Tinker's Attic, 2513 Highway Avenue

ADMISSION: \$15 at Door

>> SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Ride, rollerblade or walk from station to station for a morning filled with poetry and prose. Activities include readings, open mic performances and more!

WHEN: 10 a.m. to noon September 16

WHERE: Ride & Read along Erie Lackawanna Trail. We'll start at the corner of Jewett Avenue and 5th Street and end at 41st Street.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more info about the town's poetry initiative or if you would like to get involved, contact Poet Laureate Janine Harrison at highlandpoetlaureate@gmail.com or @HighlandLaureate on Facebook.

HIGHLAND STORMWATER EDUCATION TO KEEP ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TOP-OF-MIND

Highland is developing a stormwater education initiative to raise awareness about what goes into our storm sewers.

Less about flow, the program details dos and don'ts and offers tips such as washing cars and windows on the lawn instead of the driveway.

"One of the components of our stormwater master plan is education to ensure our stormwater is as clean as possible," Public Works Director John Bach said. "We hope to engage the public so they know how important it is to make sure pet waste and hazardous waste doesn't find itself into the storm sewers and, ultimately, in to the Little Calumet River."

The campaign, implemented by engineering firm Butler Fairman Seufert, satisfies a requirement by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management regarding public education.

Even if it wasn't required, Bach said keeping environmental stewardship top-of-mind is a good thing.

"We all tend to think that what we do and what we put into the sewers doesn't matter, but it does," he said. "It's a little here and a little there and it all adds up. Some products promote algae growth in the river. Others contribute to silt shoals that impede flow. It all impacts the health of the river." 🌸

Community Organization Spotlight

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY GROUP BEAUTIFYING HIGHLAND ONE TREE – AND COFFEE BEAN – AT A TIME

When it comes to years of service, the Highland Community Foundation is definitely the newest not-for-profit on the block. What it lacks in tenure, the eight-member board makes up for in its enviable list of high-impact projects.

In six short years, the group has made a difference through projects that include development and construction of a park at 45th and 5th, improvements at the Heron Rookery and a host of public art projects.

President Lance Ryskamp said it's all part of the foundation mission to focus energies and resources completing projects that effect Highland in a positive way.

"We are very proud of what we have been able to accomplish so far," Ryskamp said. "Our board is dedicated to helping make Highland an even greater place to live, by working on projects that make a difference."

At the top of the foundation's 2017 to-do list: assist and promote the arts in Highland and work to replace and restore a leafy canopy in the parks and public property.

In addition to Ryskamp, the foundation board members include: Cheryl Nicksic, Dave Wilkinson, Bridget DeYoung, Jim Dal Santo, Judy Vaughn, Abe Rivera, Michelle Anderson and Robert Plantz.

OUR PROJECTS

Highland Has Art: The foundation is forming a Highland Arts Council this fall to organize the community's adult and student art organizations under one entity to promote activities and obtain grants.

Tree Replacement: The foundation is committed to replacing diseased and dying trees in Highland's parks and public spaces.

Coffee Project: The foundation has partnered with Smalltown Coffee Co. to create a special Highland roast, which debuts Oct. 14 at the Festival of the Trail.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can support HCF by donating via:

>> **MAIL A CHECK**
Highland Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1783
Highland, IN 46322

>> **DONATE ONLINE**
www.highlandcommunityfoundation.org

>> **SHOP AMAZON**
AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of your purchase to the foundation.

70 YEARS & COUNTING

Congrats to the Town Club Steak & Seafood Restaurant for 70 years!

The region's WWII soldiers were returning home when a budding entrepreneur laid claim to a parcel amid farms and started a restaurant that would flourish for decades.

Mark and Tina Hines became the fourth owners in 1997. "We always believed that if we worked hard to give every diner the best experience possible and hire employees who felt the same, we would make it work," Hines said. "That work ethic has helped us prosper and grow."

HOURS: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. Closed Monday.

WHERE: Town Club Steak & Seafood, 2904 - 45th Street.

INFO: www.townclubon45th.com

HIGHLAND HIGH 5K

Put on your running shoes and join the Highland High School Athletic Department for its 17th annual 5K Open Race. All proceeds benefit Highland High School Athletics.

WHEN: 8 a.m. Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 23**. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m.

WHERE: Highland High School football field, 9135 Erie Street.

FEE: \$5 entry fee

INFO: Call Athletic Secretary Kathy Mahler at (219) 922-5611 or email kmahler@highland.k12.in.us.

GARAGE & BAKE SALE

Hunt for gently-used gems and enjoy homemade treats at the annual garage and bake sale, hosted by the St. James Women's Guild. Clothes are \$5 a bag. Other items priced as marked. Pierogies are \$6 per dozen.

WHEN: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, **SEPTEMBER 28**, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, **SEPTEMBER 29** and from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 30**.

WHERE: St. James the Less Parish Hall, 9640 Kennedy Ave.

DONATION DROP-OFF: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, **SEPTEMBER 27** and Thursday, **SEPTEMBER 28**.

INFO: Call Guild Member Chris Magley at (219) 810-2043.

PICKLEBALL POINTERS

Adults - ages 19 and up - learn the basics of pickleball from the rules and point system to serving, volleys, faults, swing, games and much more.

WHEN: 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays,
SEPTEMBER 19 through **OCTOBER 24**.

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$24 residents / \$30 nonresidents

INFO: highlandparks.org | 219.838.0114

HOT SHOTS SPORTS CAMP

Highland Parks and Recreation is offering a host of seven-week sports clinics for tots to tweens:

SPORTS & MORE

AGES: 3-5

WHEN: 4-4:45 p.m. Tuesdays,
SEPTEMBER 12 through **OCTOBER 24** and 10:45-11:30 a.m. Thursdays,
SEPTEMBER 14 through **OCTOBER 26**.

BASKETBALL CLINIC 101

AGES: 6-9

WHEN: 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays, **SEPTEMBER 12** through **OCTOBER 24**.

BASKETBALL CLINIC 201

AGES: 9-12

WHEN: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, **SEPTEMBER 12** through **OCTOBER 24**.

T-BALL SKILLS CLINIC

AGES: 3-5

WHEN: 4-4:45 p.m. Thursdays,
SEPTEMBER 14 through **OCTOBER 26**.

GAME TIME FLAG FOOTBALL

AGES: 9-12

WHEN: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Thursdays,
SEPTEMBER 14 through **OCTOBER 26**.

ADULT-TOT SPORTS

AGES: 2-4

WHEN: 9-9:45 a.m. Thursdays,
SEPTEMBER 14 through **OCTOBER 26**.

STRIKER JUNIOR SOCCER

AGES: 3-5

WHEN: 10-10:45 a.m. Thursdays,
SEPTEMBER 14 through **OCTOBER 26**.

LUNCH & PLAY

AGES: 3-5

WHEN: 11:30-12:45 p.m. Thursdays,
SEPTEMBER 14 through **OCTOBER 26**.

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$77 residents / \$87 nonresidents.

INFO: highlandparks.org | 219.838.0114

Highland's 6th annual ... OKTOBERFEST

The Highland Community Foundation's 6th Oktoberfest — from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 5 — will feature a raffle, auction, live entertainment, craft beers, wines and all of the fixings for a true Munich-style feast. Donations help fund public art and tree replacement, in addition to other cultural initiatives.

OCTOBER 5

*Lincoln Center
Banquet Hall*



THE FOOD ...

Sample traditional German and Bavarian fare including Wiener Schnitzel, German potato salad, Sauerbraten, Spaetzel, Bratwurst, hot pretzels with mustard and delicious apple strudel.

THE DRINKS ...

Craft beer and German wine will round out the evening.

THE MUSIC ...

The night's entertainment will feature the authentic Die Musikmeisters German Band.

THE INFO ...

Tickets are \$75 per person (\$40 is tax deductible) and can be purchased from HCF board members or online at eventbrite.com.

To become a sponsor, donate a silent auction or raffle item or for more info, email the foundation at highlandcf@gmail.com

